(b) the number of persons deprived of the medical facility, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to provide adequate medical facilities for mentally ill persons?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) It is estimated that about 5% of the population suffers from various psychological disorders such as depression, neurotic, stress related and adjustment disorders. About 1% of the population suffers from a serious mental disorder such as psychotic disorders and 0.5% of the population may be in need of active treatment for a serious mental disorder. However, data relating to the number of persons suffering from mental illness State-wise is not centrally maintained at present.

Efforts of the Government now are to diagnose the mentally ill patients at the early stage and treat them through the general health care delivery system. Adequate medical facilities are available to treat the mentally ill patients. In order to provide increased access and better quality of mental health care, the Government has expanded the National Mental Health Programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.139 crores in order to expand District Mental Health Programme to cover 100 districts in the country, strengthen the 37 Government mental health institutes and also psychiatric wings of 75 medical colleges, undertake IEC activities and research and training.

Opening of Ayurveda institute at Thiruvananthapuram

*156. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of an International Institute of Ayurveda in Thiruvananthapuram is pending for sanction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government consider to accord sanction for the project; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) Ministry has received a proposal for setting up of an International Institute of Ayurvedic Medical Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram. The proposal *inter-alia* included provisions for a 500 bedded Ayurveda Hospital, Training Centre, R&D Centre, Conservation and Gene Bank, Extension Activities, Digital Library, Documentation Centre and Museum, etc. with an estimated cost of Rs. 101.60 crore.

There is no scheme under which the proposal could be sanctioned. The proposal, therefore, has not been agreed to.

Sharing actionable intelligence in tackling crimes

*157. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision to institutionalise the sharing of actionable intelligence in crime-prone States for tackling crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had taken a decision to deploy additional railway police on the basis of reports of crime and interaction with the State Government police; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The crime on Railways including attacks by extremist elements need to be tackled with combined efforts of the State Police, intelligence agencies and the Railway administration. So, the need for sharing "actionable" intelligence has been emphasized in high-level co-ordination meetings. Now intelligence agencies have started sharing "actionable" intelligence with Railways also. To have effective control of crime on the Railways, decision has already been taken to institutionalise co-ordination and sharing of intelligence.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The decision to deploy additional Railway Police (which is a wing of the State Police) on the basis of reports of crime and interaction lies with the State Governments. According to the procedure